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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of August 16, 2006, the shorted statutory period for response to which ends after November 16, 2006, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended under 37 CFR § 1.116 as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.